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FOR EUR AMBASSADOR DAVIES

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SUBJ: DRAFT REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR DAVIES FOR PRESENTATION
CEREMONIES BY THE NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY ON OCT. 27

1. DRAFT COMMENTS BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES ON THE OCCASION
OF THE CHRISTENING OF THE NORTHERN ARROW LPG TANKER, TO
TAKE PLACE IN GDYNIA ON OCTOBER 27, FOLLOW. PLEASE
CABLE US THE REVISED TEXT AS THE AMBASSADOR WISHES TO HAVE
IT TRANSLATED INTO POLISH BEFORE HIS RETURN TO WARSAW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MR. STRAUSS, OFFICIALS OF THE NORTHERN
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, HONORED GUESTS FROM THE POLISH
SHIPYARDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

A) I WAS HONORED TO BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S
CHRISTENING OF THE LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS CARRIER,
NORTHERN ARROW. I AM EQUALLY HONORED TO BE HERE TONIGHT
TO TAKE PART IN THE PRESENTATION OF THIS PORTRAIT OF GENERAL
PONIATOWSKI TO THE PEOPLE OF POLAND.

B) POLISH SHIPS ARE NOW SAILING ON SEAS AROUND THE WORLD.
THE EXCELLENT REPUTATION OF THESE VESSELS IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT
THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, AND THIS REPUTATION IS WELL DESERVED.

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THE POLISH NATION CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS
IN THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY IN LITTLE OVER THIRTY YEARS OF
INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE PLAINLY EVIDENT
IN THE NORTHERN ARROW. BUT MORE THAN SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN
SHIPBUILDING ARE NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THE MASSIVE SHIP WHICH
WE WITNESSED BEING CHRISTENED TODAY. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY
PARTICULAR ADMIRATION FOR THE EFFORT OF THE POLISH WORKERS

WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROJECT. IT IS IN APPRECIATION OF THIS EFFORT THAT THE NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY HAS DONATED TO THE POLISH PEOPLE, IN THE NAME OF THE SHIPYARD WORKERS HERE IN GYDNIA, THIS PORTRAIT OF GENERAL PONIATOWSKI.

C) THERE ARE STRONG TIES, BOTH HISTORIC AND ECONOMIC, BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS VESSEL IS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF A JOINT EFFORT WHICH YIELDS BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES. MANY AMERICANS WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF TODAY'S EVENTS WILL SOON BE USING THE GAS BROUGHT TO OUR SHORES BY THE NORTHERN ARROW. FOR POLAND, THE BENEFIT OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, THERE IS THE MONEY EARNED BY THE POLISH SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY FROM THE SALE OF THIS SHIP. THE PURCHASE OF THIS VESSEL, THE FIRST EVER TO BE MADE FROM A POLISH SHIPYARD BY AN AMERICAN FIRM, SHOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR FURTHER SALES OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY POLISH SHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

D) I SEE THE LAUNCHING OF THE NORTHERN ARROW AS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE EXPANDING TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. SUCH MUTUAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN BUSINESS AFFAIRS ENHANCES THE BROADER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

E) IN CLOSING, I EXTEND MY BEST WISHES TO THE MEN WHO WILL SERVE ON BOARD THE NORTHERN ARROW DURING HER FUTURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOYAGES. THEIR WELFARE AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT HAVE BEEN WELL PROVIDED FOR BY SHIP DESIGNERS, THE SHIPYARD MANAGERS, AND THE WORKMEN OF THE GDYNIA YARDS. I HOPE THAT FAVORABLE WINDS AND CALM SEAS WILL ACCOMPANY THEM ON ALL THEIR VOYAGES. I ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE MEN WHO BUILT THIS FINE VESSEL. END TEXT.
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